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**Art Unit 1646**

**Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 09/918,589; Filed: July 30, 2001  
For: **Fluorescence Polarization Assays for Screening Binding of Ligands of Steroid Hormone Receptors (as amended)**  
Inventors: HALBLEIB *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0942.7200001/RWE/CMB

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
2. Request for Change of Attorney Docket Number Pleading;
3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
4. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$120.00 to cover One (1) Month Extension of Time fee; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Applicants respectfully request that the attorney docket number for the above-captioned application be changed from "Pan Vera.017.01" to -- **0942.7200001** --. Kindly use this attorney docket number in any future correspondence addressed to the undersigned.

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